

COMMITTEE REPORT

MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 351, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1 Page 1, line 2, after "party," insert "**or the chairperson,**".
- 2 Page 1, line 5, delete "However, if the chairman" and insert "**Except**
- 3 **as provided in subsection (c), the panel shall convene in person.**"
- 4 Page 1, delete lines 6 through 8.
- 5 Page 1, line 12, strike "chairman" and insert "**chairperson**".
- 6 Page 1, after line 13, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 7 "**(c) The panel shall make every effort to meet in person.**
- 8 **However, if:**
- 9 **(1) the panel has made two (2) attempts to convene in person;**
- 10 **(2) the panel has been unable to convene in person; and**
- 11 **(3) the chairperson determines that the personal attendance**
- 12 **of a member of the panel is impracticable or would impose a**

- 1 **hardship on a member;**
- 2 **the chairperson may permit a member to participate by telephone**
- 3 **or by electronic teleconferencing."**

(Reference is to SB 351 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass .

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0.

Senator Bray, Chairperson